

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) A request was made to the Government of Myanmar through diplomatic channels for the construction of new memorials for freedom fighters in Mandalay prison. The Government of Myanmar has informed that it is not possible to construct these memorials.

[English]

Suicides by Students

4808. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the incidents of suicides by students on the eve of or after examinations and after declaration of the results;
- (b) if so, the details about the number of examination related suicide deaths/attempts to suicide by students during the last three years in Delhi and in the country; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to reform the examination system in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Use of Narcotic Drugs

4809. DR. M.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry have formulated any programme to stop the use of narcotic drugs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the date by which this programme is likely to be implemented along with the details of centres established for the purpose State/U.T.-wise; and
- (d) the details of the role of the Ministry in this regard and the funds made available for this purpose by them?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOWALIA) : (a) to (c) This presumably refers to the workshop organised in New Delhi on 22-23 April, 1997 by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, in collaboration with International Labour Organisation (ILO) & United Nations International Drugs Control Programme (UNDCP). It was an orientation

programme for a few selected industrial units to develop preventive and deaddiction programmes in their respective units. 10 industrial units participated in the two days workshop.

(d) The workshop was a part of the Government of India ILO-UNDCP Project on "Developing Community Drug Rehabilitation and Workplace Prevention Programmes in India". This project is partly funded by the Ministry of Welfare.

Wakf Property in Delhi

4810. SHRI E. AHAMED : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government appointed any committee to enquire and recommend the steps to restore Wakf property in Delhi from unlawful possession to the Wakf Board; and

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOWALIA) : (a) No such Committee has been appointed by Government in the recent past. However, in May, 1974 the Central Government had appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri S.M.H. Burney, the then Chairman, Delhi Wakf Board, with Shri K.K. Ghamkhar, the then Land Development Officer, Shri V. Shankaran, the then Commissioner (Reclamation) and Shri Hassanuddin Ahmed, then Officer on Special Duty (Wakf) as members for examining the claim of Delhi Wakf Board in respect of Wakf properties under the possession of Land and Development Office and Delhi Development Authority and to make recommendations in this regard. This committee is popularly known as "Burney Committee".

(b) The said Committee in its Report submitted to the Government in March, 1976 made the following recommendations :

(i) The wakf properties which are in existence on the site and are in regular use shall be transferred to the Delhi Wakf Board/Mutawallis and the Government will withdraw its claim to its ownership. The Wakf Board/Mutawalli will be empowered to develop these properties in accordance with the Master Plan and Municipal Bye-laws.

(ii) The wakfs which are non-existent on site, and where the Government has constructed buildings, parks, etc. shall be handed over to the Government. The Delhi Wakf Board shall withdraw its claim to these properties.

(iii) The wakfs which are in dilapidated condition but capable of use, shall be handed over to the Delhi Wakf Board. The Government shall withdraw its claim to the ownership of such properties. The Delhi Wakf Board shall also be permitted to develop them in accordance with the Master Plan and Municipal bye-laws. The Delhi Wakf